

said control device controls said communication device to broadcast request data over said local area network, and when data for responding to said request data is received from a piece of equipment which is connected to said local area network, said control device detects an IP address of the piece of equipment from which said response data is sent, and sends the image data which is stored in said storing device to the piece of equipment which includes the detected IP address.

Thus, there is a clear requirement in claim 1 that the control device detect an address of the piece of communication equipment from which said response data is sent. One exemplary reason why it is desirable to detect an IP address of the piece of equipment from which the response data is sent is because there is a “broadcast” of request data over said local area network. After a detection of the IP address, there is a sending of the image data which is stored in the storing device to the piece of equipment which includes the detected IP address.

To the contrary in Werner, in the process of Fig. 12 which is relied upon by the outstanding office action, step 1212 sends information to a service provider. The service provider then sends back physical and communication addresses of photo processing establishments. In step 1214, there is no need to and no description of sending back its own address information because the camera and/or the user already knows the address of the service provider because the service provider has already been sent information in step 1212.

Because Werner does not disclose or suggest:

- (1) said control device detects an IP address *of the piece of equipment from which said response data is sent*, and
- (2) sending of the image data which is stored in said storing device *to the piece of equipment which includes the detected IP address*,

the features of independent claim 1 are neither disclosed or suggested by the prior art including Werner.

Moreover, even if Werner is interpreted to have the location-based service provider receive broadcast data, it is the location-based service provider that sends the data corresponding to the response data including the IP address of a photo processing establishment to the camera. Such an address of the photo processing establishment is not the IP address of the piece of equipment from which the response is sent.


Claim 6 is patentable for similar reasons as claim 1 is patentable.

Accordingly the rejection of independent claims 1 and 6 and claim 2 which depends from claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to the effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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